

# LIGHTING EXEMPTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES MODEL POLICY

Minn. Stat. 169.541

## I. POLICY

It is the policy of the \_\_\_\_\_ (law enforcement agency) to provide a uniform guideline for all department personnel to use when operating a department vehicle without headlights, taillights or marine navigational lighting while functioning as a peace officer.

## II. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy the following definitions apply:

- A. Vehicle:** means a motor vehicle or watercraft owned, leased or otherwise the property of the State of Minnesota or a political subdivision.
- B. Lights:** refers to headlights, taillights and marine navigational lighting as referenced in Minn. Stat. 84.87, 84.928, 169.48 to 169.65 and 86B.511.

## III. PROCEDURE

A peace officer may **not** operate a vehicle without lights contrary to Minn. Stat. 169.541. **LIGHTING EXEMPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT; STANDARDS.** under conditions of limited or reduced visibility as defined in Minn. Stat. 84.87, 84.928, 169.48 to 169.65 and 86B.511:

- on an interstate highway.
- at speeds greater than what is reasonable and prudent under existing weather, road and traffic conditions.
- faster than the posted speed limit.
- in situations where the peace officer is an active participant in the pursuit of a motor vehicle in violation of Minn. Stat. 609.487.

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